

the exploitation of labourers during the last five years alongwith the number of labourers killed; and

(d) the number of cases in which action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla

2120. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested by State Government of Himachal Pradesh to open New Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the pending requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the reduced outflow of workers to other countries for work because of various reasons as also the fact that very few emigrants go abroad for contractual employment from the State of Himachal Pradesh, it is not considered feasible for the present to open an office of Protector of Emigrants in Shimla.

Cruelty on Domestic Child Labour

2121. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News-item in the "News Time" dated 18th June, 2000 captioned "Protest against cruelty on bonded children"

(b) if so, whether hundreds of children had protested against the growing incidence of cruelty on domestic child labour;

(c) if so, whether they have demanded that India ratify the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention-182 against the worst forms of child labour; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken against exploitation of child labourers in factories and households and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Government had noted that contents of the news-item published in the "News Time" dated 18th June, 2000 captioned "Protest against cruelty on bonded children" wherein it has been, *inter-alia*, stated that, children staged a sit-in in front of Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi in New Delhi protesting against "the growing incidence of cruelty on domestic child labour" and demanding that India ratify the ILO Convention No. 182 against the worst forms of child labour.

The Government has already initiated action for ratification of ILO Convention No. 182. The Central Government is responsible for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, in railways, major ports, mines, oil fields and establishments under the control of the Central Government. In all other cases, State/UT Governments are responsible for enforcement of the Act. Employers found employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are prosecuted under the provisions of the Act. State/UT Governments furnish information to the Central Government on implementation of the provisions of the Act.

Incorporation of first Labour Commission recommendations in terms of reference for second

2122. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Central Trade Unions had on their own suggested to the Government that the review of implementation of the recommendations of the First Labour Commission be incorporated in the terms of reference of the second Labour Commission set up by Government.